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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, EG, SA

SUBJ: WHEAT FOR EGYPT

REF: (A) CAIRO 2737; (B) JIDDA 3702

1. PENDING QUESTION OF US WHEAT FOR EGYPT RAISED SEPT. 22 WITH EMBOFF BY AN AIDE TO ROYAL ADVISOR, KAMAL ADHAM. ACCORDING TO AIDE, SAG UNDERSTOOD US WILLING TO ASSIST EGYPT IN MEETING ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR 1.5 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT IN NEXT YEAR, AND SOUGHT FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC QUANTITIES, PRICES, AND DELIVERY TIMES. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NO US COMMITMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT HAD YET BEEN MADE, BUT THAT WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON AND WOULD NOTIFY SAUDIS OF ANY WORD WE RECEIVED.

2. COMMENT: SAUDI OFFICIAL'S REMARKS STRENGTHENS POSITION REPORTED CAIRO'S REFTEL THAT SAG (OR SOME SAUDI OFFICIAL SUCH AS ADHAM HIMSELF) HAS SPOKEN TOO EXPANSIVELY TO GOE ABOUT PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING WHEAT FROM US.

3. ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF US MEETING AT LEAST A SIGNIFICANT

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PORTION OF EGYPTIAN REQUEST STATED JIDDA'S REFTEL; IF IT

APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT OUR REPLY WILL BE NEGATIVE, WOULD
SEEM BETTER FOR ISSUE TO BE LAID TO REST SOON BY CHARGE,
THAN FOR IT TO REMAIN IN SUSPENSE AND PERHAPS ENCUMBER
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE AKINS' INITIAL PERIOD AT POST.

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